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RAJYA SABHA

Proposal to set up a National Film Board

1035. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a National Film Board;
- (b) if so, the main objective of the Board;
- (c) the Institutions/departments which are going to be placed under the National Film Board; and
- (d) the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Expenditure Reforms Commission (Geethakrishnan Committee) has made certain recommendations about the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and its Media units. The recommendations have been discussed with the heads of Media Unit. The Consultative Committee of MPs attached to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has also considered the matter on 15.2.2001. The possible alternative organizational structures have been discussed in the course of such consultations. The idea of setting up a National Film Board also came up during the discussions. However, no decision for the same has been taken by the Ministry.

Broadcasting of Daily News in Hindi from Shimla Doordarshan Kendra

†1036. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether she is aware that the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh had written to her Ministry in October, 1999 urging to broadcast daily News in Hindi from Doordarshan Kendra, Shimla and in reply thereto the then Minister had informed him on 8th November, 1999 that the matter was under consideration; and

(b) if so, the progress, so far, made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prasar Bharati have intimated that a regional Hindi news bulletin for a

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.